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to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 523-524.)
32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the
confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The confirmation report was adopted.
Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item, LB 235A, is by Senator
Byars. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, you're recognized to open on
LB 235A.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the
body. LB 235A is the appropriations bill that is catching up
with LB 235, what we referred to as the MCAD bill that we
advanced last week. If you remember, MCAD, we won't go into the
pronunciation, pronunciation of exactly what MCAD stands for. I
think we spent time on that last week. Basically, the fiscal
note allows us to...to change the funding mechanism to more of a
cash-based fee schedule which will allow us to utilize federal
funds, moving some federal funds around, replacing General Funds
with Cash Funds, and basically, as we discussed on the bill
itself, is...is actually a win-win, a positive, for...for the
state of Nebraska. It will allow us to do additional testing,
will make our lab...our lab costs more competitive by putting it
out for an RFP proposal, and I would ask that you advance
LB 235A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. You've heard the
opening on LB 235A, appropriations bill. Open for discussion on
that. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I
come before you this morning with an extremely heavy heart. If
I have a spirit, my spirit is overcast and laboring under a
heavy pall. I don't know if you all are aware of it or not but
the university, Frank Solich, the coach, refused to release a
young player from a scholarship. The young player is 20 years